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Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: The following Office of Personnel Management (OPM) regulations are scheduled for development or review from October 1,

2000, through September 30, 2001. This agenda carries out OPM's responsibilities to publish a semiannual agenda under Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review," and the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6). This publication in the **Federal Register** does not impose a binding obligation on the Office of Personnel Management with regard to any specific item on the agenda. Regulatory action, in addition to the items listed, is not precluded.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For this edition of OPM's regulatory agenda, the most important significant regulatory actions are included in **The Regulatory Plan**, which appears in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**. The **Regulatory Plan** entries are listed in the table of contents below and are denoted by a bracketed bold reference, which directs the reader to the appropriate sequence number in part II.

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4062. AVAILABILITY OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 552, Freedom of Information Act

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 294

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed rulemaking will make minor changes to subpart A of 5 CFR 294, Availability of Official

Information Act. The rulemaking will provide additional information on the definition of terms used in the search and review process, update office addresses, and clarify that any written request that meets the specified

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marking and content requirements will be recognized as an official FOIA request. These changes are designed to benefit the public by providing updated information on where to direct FOIA requests, and improve the wording of the regulation to fully and accurately meet the provisions of the FOIA. There will be no significant change to the

existing operational procedures in place at OPM.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	02/00/01	
Final Action	08/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4063. EXCEPTED SERVICE-SCHEDULE A AUTHORITY FOR NONTEMPORARY PART-TIME OR INTERMITTENT POSITIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3307

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 213

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management proposes to revoke the Schedule A excepted Service appointing authority for nontemporary part-time or intermittent positions for which total annual compensation does not exceed 40 percent of GS-3, step 1, because the conditions justifying the original exception no longer exist.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	
Final Action	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AJ06

4064. PERSONNEL RECORDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 552; 5 USC 4315; EO 12107; 5 USC 1103; 5 USC 1104; 5 USC 1302; EO 9830; 5 USC 2951; 5 USC 3301

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 293

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The regulatory changes will update the requirements for maintaining employee personnel records and clarify requirements for maintaining employee medical records.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH24

4065. EMPLOYMENT IN THE EXCEPTED SERVICE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 1302; 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 8151; EO 10577

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 302

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The revised regulations will make it easier for agencies to understand how to run the excepted service employment system, and thus create better and more efficient employment procedures.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH83

4066. CAREER AND CAREER-CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT UNDER SPECIAL AUTHORITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 1302; 22 USC 2506; 22 USC 3651; 22 USC 3652; 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 3304(d); 5 USC 8151; EO 12119; EO 10577; EO 12034; EO 12721

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 315

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Revises a group of special appointment authorities to clarify requirements and to eliminate obsolete provisions. Also adds authorities for specific noncompetitive appointments authorities by law.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG90

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4067. NONCOMPETITIVE APPOINTMENTS OF CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYEES**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 12651f**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 315; 5 CFR 316**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Permits permanent and indefinite employees of the Corporation for National and Community Service to receive noncompetitive appointments in the competitive service. Implements the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH48**4068. NONCOMPETITIVE APPOINTMENT OF FORMER PEACE CORPS AND VISTA VOLUNTEERS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** EO 11103; 42 USC 5055**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 315**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Updates authority that grants former Peace Corps and Vista volunteers an eligibility for noncompetitive appointment to the Federal Competitive Service. Eliminates reference to the abolished ACTION agency.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AI18**4069. PROBATION ON INITIAL APPOINTMENT TO A COMPETITIVE POSITION****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3321**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 315, subpart H**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This regulation will permit agencies to use a competitive service probationary period of up to 3 years, when the work of the position cannot be properly evaluated in only 1 year. It will also establish one year as the minimum probationary period.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AI47**4070. CLARIFICATION OF HIRING AUTHORITIES****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 330; 5 CFR 332; 5 CFR 333; 5 CFR 337**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: In an effort to consolidate and streamline existing hiring authorities and to clarify existing competitive examining authorities, the Office of Personnel Management is proposing to revise the regulations covering the operation and administration of these authorities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AI46**4071. AMENDMENT TO SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3328**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 300**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Delegates to agencies' determination whether a Federal job applicant's failure to register with the Selective Service was knowing and willful. This change is authorized by an amendment to 5 U.S.C. 3328.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/29/99	64 FR 14842
NPRM Comment Period End	04/28/99	64 FR 14842
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AI52**4072. • INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL ACT (IPA) MOBILITY PROGRAM****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3371 to 3377**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 334**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Intergovernmental Personnel Act Mobility Act regulations require updating. Definitions will be revised and the regulations reviewed to conform to the plain language initiative.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/01	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/01	
Final Action	11/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AJ29**4073. OTHER THAN FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT (PART-TIME, SEASONAL, INTERMITTENT)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3301**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 340; 5 CFR 110**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Grants agencies and employees more flexibility by clarifying agency authority to schedule part-time employees on a pay period, rather than weekly, basis; defines job sharing; modifies seasonal employment.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AI22**4074. ORDER OF RELEASE FROM COMPETITIVE LEVEL****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 1302; 5 USC 3502; 5 USC 3503**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 351**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is proposing retention regulations covering the order in which agencies release competing employees from their competitive levels in a reduction in force.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AI96**4075. RE-EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3582; 5 USC 3301; PL 103-296**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 352**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Updates provisions to conform to law allowing employees assigned to international organizations under certain conditions to maintain FERS and FICA retirement coverage; current regulations only mention CSRS retirement.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AI19**4076. • TRAINING****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 4118**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 410**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Since the December 1996 publication of the final rules on training, subsections 5 CFR 410.309 (continued service agreements) and 5 CFR 410.404 (expenses of training and meetings) have caused confusion in agencies, the agencies have asked for clearer regulations. 5 CFR 410.309, as written, omits allowance for agency heads to delegate authority to define requirements for continued service. It also omits circumstances when the requirement for continued service can be waived, which has caused confusion for agencies in developing their continued service agreements. Amending 5 CFR 410.309 returns to regulation, language removed in 1996 that has had the unintended effect of limiting agency head authority in the area of continued service agreements for training. With increasing interest in academic education and service agreements, agencies have expressed concern about their legal authority with regard to these agreements.

As written, 5 CFR 410.404 does not sufficiently clarify distinctions between training and meetings. 5 U.S.C. 4109 provides agencies authority to pay the expenses of training. 5 U.S.C. 4110 provides them authority to pay the expenses of meetings. However, 5 CFR 410.404 blurs the distinctions between these two; amending it would make clear the distinctions, and clarify conditions under which a meeting may be considered training.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	
Final Action	04/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AJ19**4077. CLASSIFICATION APPEALS OF GENERAL SCHEDULE EMPLOYEES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5112

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CFR Citation: 5 CFR 511, subpart A; 5 CFR 511, subpart F; 5 CFR 511, subpart G

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The position classification appeals regulations require updating to reflect current organizational nomenclature following a reorganization within OPM.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/00	
Final Action	03/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH38

4078. OFFICIAL DUTY STATION DETERMINATIONS FOR PAY PURPOSES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5305; 5 USC 5304; 5 USC 5941; EO 10000; PL 101-509, sec 404

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 530; 5 CFR 531; 5 CFR 591

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations clarify the location-based pay entitlements of Federal employees who are detailed or temporarily assigned to work at a new location. In particular, the regulations provide that for employees receiving limited relocation allowances under 5 U.S.C. 5737 during temporary assignments, the new location is the official duty station for pay purposes

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/09/97	62 FR 25423
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	07/08/97	
NPRM	11/00/00	
Final Action	05/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH84

4079. SUPERIOR QUALIFICATIONS APPOINTMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5333

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 531

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Revises regulations concerning the appointment of superior candidates above the minimum rate of pay for General Schedule positions. Clarifies and modifies what agencies should consider when making these superior qualifications appointments.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AI00

4080. JOB GRADING REVIEWS AND APPEALS OF FEDERAL WAGE SYSTEM EMPLOYEES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5346

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532, subpart G

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The job grading reviews and appeals regulations require updating to reflect current organizational nomenclature following a reorganization within OPM.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/00	
Final Action	03/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AI14

4081. SEVERANCE PAY: MISCELLANEOUS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5595

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 550, subpart G

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed regulation would clarify or revise the severance pay rules relating to such issues as the creditability of service and the definition of "involuntary separation."

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4082. PAY ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT (FLSA)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 29 USC 204(f)

OPM

Proposed Rule Stage

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 551, subpart A; 5 CFR 551, subpart B; 5 CFR 551, subpart C

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The FLSA regulations require revision to correct minor inconsistencies in terminology and phrasing, one incomplete citation, and one incorrect reference.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/00	
NPRM Comment Period End	03/00/01	
Final Action	06/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4083. REEMPLOYMENT OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN RETIREES TO MEET EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8344; 5 USC 8468

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 553

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Establishes new criteria for granting exceptions for key positions in temporary organizations established by law or Executive order. This rule will also expand and clarify the criteria used in exercising this authority.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AI32

4084. RECRUITMENT AND RELOCATION BONUSES AND RETENTION ALLOWANCES

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 150 in Part II of this issue of the Federal Register.

RIN: 3206-AJ08

4085. MISCELLANEOUS LEAVE REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 6311

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 630

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is proposing miscellaneous changes to the leave regulations in 5 CFR part 630. The proposed changes will include clarifying provisions on the Federal leave sharing program, home leave and transfer of leave from/to the U.S. Postal Service; updating regulations to comply with new legislation requiring a lump-sum payment for annual leave for employees transferring from a Department of Defense (DoD) base that is closing to another position; clarifying leave entitlements for employees who are under 90-day appointments or assigned part-time and intermittent work schedules; and other miscellaneous changes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4086. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH AND COUNSELING PROGRAMS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 7361; 5 USC 7362

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 792

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: OPM is proposing to remove the following sentence that appears in title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, section 792: "If an employee fails to participate in any rehabilitative program or, having participated, the employee fails to bring conduct or performance up to a satisfactory level, the agency shall evaluate the employee accordingly and initiate the appropriate performance-based or adverse action." This sentence confuses or misleads agency management in dealing with employees who have an alcohol or drug abuse problem and whose job performance or conduct is affected as a result of their problem. Some agency officials believe that this sentence guarantees Federal employees, with these problems, two chances to avoid disciplinary and/or corrective action.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	
Final Action	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AI07

4087. RETIREMENT; CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347(a); 5 USC 8461(g); 38 USC 4331

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 8347(a); 5 CFR 8461(g); 5 CFR 842.306; 5 CFR 842.307

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations implement changes in the treatment of certain military service under CSRS and FERS required under the Uniformed Services

OPM

Proposed Rule Stage

Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/01	
Final Action	11/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4088. RETIREMENT; SERVICE CREDIT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831, subpart C

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations would provide that no retirement credit could be granted for periods of service for which retirement deductions were refunded and not repaid even when the refund was paid based on an erroneous separation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	
Final Action	04/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4089. RETIREMENT; DEBT COLLECTION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347; 5 USC 8461

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 835(e)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations will amend the Civil Service Retirement System

(CSRS) and Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) regulations by consolidating and updating existing regulations in three different subparts of the CSRS regulations and 5 CFR 845 in the FERS regulations to eliminate duplication of the provisions governing debt collection. This item is for subpart E of the new part 835, which will address collections of Government claims from payments made by OPM.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/05/92	57 FR 45753
NPRM	01/00/01	
Final Action	08/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4090. RETIREMENT; COURT ORDERS AWARDING SURVIVOR ANNUITIES; CORRECTING OR SUPPLEMENTING THE FIRST ORDER DIVIDING MARITAL PROPERTY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347; 5 USC 8461

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 838

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations would establish standards for determining which supplemental or correcting court orders are not "modifications" and the procedures applicable to such orders. They also provide for the continuation of the former spouse's survivor coverage and the reduction in the retiree's annuity until the State court decides the extent of the former spouse's rights to retirement benefits.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	
Final Action	03/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG28

4091. RETIREMENT; GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 841

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations would allow an agency to retain the individual retirement record when an employee transfers within the same agency even though the employee would be serviced by another intra-agency payroll.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/00	
Final Action	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AI83

4092. RETIREMENT; FERS ELECTIONS OF COVERAGE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347(a); 5 USC 8461(g); PL 99-335, sec 301(d)(3)

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 846

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations implement title III of the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) Act of 1986, as amended, dealing with the election of FERS coverage by employees under the Civil Service Retirement System and certain other employees. The regulations contain regulatory and interpretative rules concerning employees' eligibility to elect FERS coverage, procedures for electing FERS coverage, and basic benefits based on the service for employees who elect FERS coverage.

OPM

Proposed Rule Stage

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/21/87	52 FR 19235
Interim Final Rule	09/13/93	58 FR 47821
Interim Final Rule	06/18/98	63 FR 33231
NPRM	05/00/01	
Final Action	11/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG96

4093. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM: MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS AND PLAIN LANGUAGE REWRITE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8716

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 870

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations include changes to FEGLI regulations that clarify procedures for signing and witnessing designations of beneficiary, accepting designations of beneficiary by facsimile, accepting DNA evidence to establish paternity, etc. We are also rewriting part 870 under the plain language initiative.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/00	
Final Action	07/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG63

4094. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM: WAIVER OF FIVE YEAR REQUIREMENT FOR CONTINUING FEHB COVERAGE INTO RETIREMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed regulation would broaden OPM's authority to waive the participation requirements for continuing health benefits coverage into retirement when it is to the advantage of the Government to do so.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/00	
Final Action	08/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4095. DEBARMENTS AND SUSPENSIONS OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FROM THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8902a

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890, subpart J

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations will implement section 2 of Public Law 105-266, which amends 5 U.S.C. section 8902a authorizing OPM to debar health care providers who have committed certain types of legal offenses or program-related violations from participation in the Federal Employees' Health Benefits Program (FEHBP), and to levy monetary penalties and assessments against individuals who have improperly obtained payments of FEHBP funds. This legislation removes unnecessary administrative constraints on the agency, provides more flexible

and less time consuming procedures, and will improve OPM's administration of sanctions against unfit health care providers.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/30/89	54 FR 43939
NPRM	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AD76

4096. APPOINTMENT, PAY, AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 1104(a)(2); 5 USC 1305; 5 USC 3105; 5 USC 3323(b); 5 USC 3344; 5 USC 4301(2)(D); 5 USC 5372; 5 USC 7521

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 930

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Revises several areas pertaining to the appointment, pay, and removal of ALJs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/23/98	63 FR 8874
NPRM	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AI08

4097. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8716; 40 USC 486(C)

OPM

Proposed Rule Stage

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 1.301**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This proposed regulation would revise the existing Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Federal Acquisition Regulation (LIFAR) by updating and revising policy regulation with respect to the acquisition and administration of life insurance contract(s) for Federal employees.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/00	
Final Action	08/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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4098. • FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS ACQUISITION REGULATION

Priority: Info./Admin./Other**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8913; 40 USC 486(C); 48 CFR 1.301**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 1601; 5 CFR 1652**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is proposing a new policy stipulating that the effective date of regulatory changes is the date specified in published regulations. The new clause also provides that if the carrier does not want to continue participation in the Federal Employees' Health Benefits (FEHB) Program because of a regulatory change, the Contracting Officer will waive the 60-day written notice requirement for nonrenewal of contracts.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/00	
Final Action	03/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.

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4099. • FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS ACQUISITION REGULATION: LARGE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS, SUBCONTRACTS, AND MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES

Priority: Info./Admin./Other**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8913; 40 USC 486(c); 48 CFR 1.301**CFR Citation:** 48 CFR 1602; 48 CFR 1604; 48 CFR 1615**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing a proposed regulation to amend the Federal Employees' Health Benefits Acquisition Regulation (FEHBA). OPM is proposing a new policy that establishes notification and information requirements, including audit, for Federal Employees' Health Benefits (FEHB) experience rated carriers' large provider agreements. These requirements apply if carriers' provider agreements are expected to exceed 10 percent of the carrier's total FEHB benefits costs for the prior contract year. The proposed regulation also revises the threshold for advance approval of carrier subcontracts.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/00	
Final Action	02/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.

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RIN: 3206-AJ20

4100. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COST ACCOUNTING STANDARDS IN THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8913; 40 USC 486(c); 48 CFR 1.301**CFR Citation:** 48 CFR 1630; 48 CFR 1631; 48 CFR 1652**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is proposing a regulation that would inform experience-rated carriers in the Federal Employees' Health Benefits Program how it intends to implement the Cost Accounting Standards at chapter 1, part 30, and 48 U.S.C. chapter 99.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/00	
Final Action	08/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Final Rule Stage

**4101. EXCEPTED SERVICE
PROMOTION AND INTERNAL
PLACEMENT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; PL 105-339**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 213; 5 CFR 335**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Office of Personnel Management will issue final regulations implementing the provisions of the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/03/98	63 FR 66705
Final Action	03/00/01	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Karen Jacobs, Employment Service, Staffing Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415
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Fax: 202 606-0023**RIN:** 3206-AI51**4102. • EXCEPTED SERVICE;
CAREER AND CAREER-CONDITIONAL
EMPLOYMENT****Regulatory Plan:** This entry is Seq. No. 153 in Part II of this issue of the Federal Register.**RIN:** 3206-AJ28**4103. TIME-IN-GRADE RESTRICTIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; EO 10577**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 300**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** Eliminates requirement that employees serve one year in-grade to be eligible for promotion above the GS-5 level. This is separate from the qualifications requirement for one year's experience at the next lowest grade or equivalent for promotion.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/15/94	59 FR 30717

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	01/10/95	
Final Action	12/00/00	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
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Fax: 202 606-0023**RIN:** 3206-AG06**4104. PROMOTION AND INTERNAL
PLACEMENT; ACCELERATED
QUALIFICATIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 3329**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 316; 5 CFR 335; 5 CFR 338**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** OPM will issue final regulations on Accelerated Qualifications only to authorize agencies to establish intensive training programs for acquiring qualifications at an accelerated rate.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/20/96	61 FR 6324
Final Action	12/00/00	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Karen Jacobs, Employment Service, Staffing Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415
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Fax: 202 606-0023**RIN:** 3206-AG19**4105. INTERAGENCY PLACEMENT
PROGRAM****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 1302; 5 USC 3310; 5 USC 3315**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 330; 5 CFR 351; 5 CFR 332**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** Implemented Interagency Placement Program, which superseded Displaced Employee Program and Interagency Placement Program.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	06/27/94	59 FR 32871
Final Action	09/00/01	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Jacqueline Yeatman, Employment Service, Workforce Restructuring Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415
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Fax: 202 606-2329**RIN:** 3206-AI24**4106. FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT
PRIORITY CONSIDERATION FOR THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EMPLOYEES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** PL 105-33**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 330**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** Requires agencies to accord priority consideration to displaced District of Columbia, Department of Corrections employees separated as a result of the closure of the Lorton Correctional complex.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/04/98	63 FR 41387
Final Action	10/00/00	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Jacqueline Yeatman, Employment Service, Workforce Restructuring Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415
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OPM

Final Rule Stage

4107. • REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION LANGUAGE FOR VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 1302; 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 3304(f); 5 USC 3327; ...**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 302; 5 CFR 317; 5 CFR 330; 5 CFR 333; 5 CFR 335**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Office of Personnel Management is publishing interim regulations requiring a reasonable accommodation statement in agency vacancy announcements.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/00/00	
Final Action	03/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Elnora Wright, Employment Service, Service Delivery Operations and Systems, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415
Phone: 202 606-1248**RIN:** 3206-AJ11**4108. • PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE AND REDUCTION IN FORCE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3502**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 330; 5 CFR 351**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** Interim regulations that delete references to the repealed Job Training Partnership Act and replace it with references to the new Workforce Investment Act of 1998.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Pam Galemore, Employment Service, Office of Personnel Management, Workforce Restructuring Policy Division, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415
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Fax: 202 606-2329**RIN:** 3206-AJ18**4109. • REDUCTION IN FORCE RETREAT RIGHTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3502; 5 USC 3503**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 351**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** Interim regulations that clarify a released employee's right to retreat to another position in a reduction in force.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Thomas A. Glennon, Employment Service, Workforce Restructuring Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415
Phone: 202 606-0960
Fax: 202 606-2329**RIN:** 3206-AJ14**4110. LOCALITY PAY AREAS FOR 2001****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5304**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 531**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The proposed regulations would change the boundaries of two locality pay areas by adding an area of application to each. The affected areas are (1) Boston-Worcester-Lawrence, MA-NH-ME-CT, and (2) San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA. The State of Rhode Island would be added as an area of application to the Boston CMSA, and Monterey County, CA, would be added as an area of application to the San Francisco CMSA.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/16/00	65 FR 49948
Final Action	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Paul Shields, Workforce Compensation andPerformance Service, Office of Personnel Management, Office of Compensation Administration, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415
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Email: payleave@opm.gov**RIN:** 3206-AJ07**4111. LOCALITY-BASED COMPARABILITY PAYMENTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5304**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 531, subpart F**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Office of Personnel Management is issuing proposed regulations to clarify and redefine the limitations on locality rates of pay for categories of non-General Schedule employees approved by the President's Pay Agent to receive locality pay. This proposed change was prompted by a recent Executive order that delegated the President's authority to determine such limitations to the President's Pay Agent. The proposed regulations will ensure that all employees receiving locality pay are treated consistently.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/24/00	65 FR 15875
NPRM Comment Period End	05/23/00	
Final Action	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Jeanne D. Jacobson, Workforce Compensation and Performance Service, Office of Personnel Management, Office of Compensation Administration, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415
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Email: payleave@opm.gov**RIN:** 3206-AI81**4112. HOLIDAYS AND PREMIUM PAY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5548; 5 USC 6133; 29 USC 204(f)**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532; 5 CFR 550; 5 CFR 551; 5 CFR 610**Legal Deadline:** None

OPM

Final Rule Stage

Abstract: The regulations implement recent changes in law that provide: (1) authority for compensatory time off for prevailing rate (wage) employees in lieu of overtime pay; and (2) agency flexibility in determining the "in lieu of" holiday for employees on compressed work schedules when the actual holiday for the employee is on a nonworkday. A current regulation is also corrected to comply with a provision of law authorizing use of alternative work schedules for civilian nonappropriated fund employees of the armed services.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/23/97	62 FR 28305
Final Action	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4113. • PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES TO CERTAIN FEDERAL WAGE SYSTEM WAGE AREAS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5343

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) will define Jefferson County, WA, as an area of application to the Kitsap, WA, nonappropriated fund (NAF) Federal Wage System (FWS) wage area. The Kitsap wage area will consist of one survey area county, Kitsap County, and two area-of-application counties, Clallam and Jefferson Counties, WA. We are renaming the Champaign-Urbana, IL, FWS wage area to the Central Illinois FWS wage area. We are updating the name of the White Sands Proving Grounds in the El Paso, TX, and Albuquerque, NM, wage area listings to the White Sands Missile

Range. We are also correcting the Southern Colorado wage area listing in 5 CFR 532, appendix C, subpart B.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/08/00	65 FR 48641
Interim Final Rule Effective	08/08/00	
Final Action	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4114. • PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; ABOLISHMENT OF THE PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA (PA), SPECIAL WAGE SCHEDULE FOR PRINTING POSITIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5343

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing an interim rule to abolish the Philadelphia, PA, Federal Wage System (FWS) special wage schedule for printing positions. Printing and lithographic employees in the Philadelphia wage area will now be paid from the regular Philadelphia appropriated fund FWS wage area schedule. This change is necessary because there are no longer enough printing and lithographic employees in the wage area to conduct the local special wage survey successfully.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/17/00	65 FR 50127
Interim Final Rule Effective	09/18/00	
Final Action	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4115. • PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; REDEFINITION OF THE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (CA), APPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5343

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management will remove Inyo County, CA, from the Los Angeles, CA, appropriated fund Federal Wage System (FWS) wage area. The county, excluding the China Lake Naval Weapons Center portion, would be defined to the Las Vegas, NV, FWS wage area. This change would reflect the regulatory criteria we use to define FWS wage areas more accurately. It would affect FWS employees at Death Valley National Park by placing them on a higher wage schedule.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/17/00	65 FR 50165
Final Action	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4116. • ABOLISHMENT OF THE ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI (MO), APPROPRIATED FUND, PRINTING AND LITHOGRAPHIC SPECIAL SCHEDULE**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5343**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing an interim rule to abolish the St. Louis, MO, Federal Wage System (FWS) special wage schedule for printing positions. Printing and lithographic employees in the St. Louis wage area will now be paid from the regular St. Louis appropriated fund FWS wage area schedule. This change is necessary because there are no longer enough printing and lithographic employees in the wage area to conduct the local special wage survey successfully.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/14/00	65 FR 55431
Interim Final Rule Effective	10/16/00	
Final Action	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AJ24**4117. GRADE AND PAY RETENTION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5361; 5 USC 5366**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 536**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing proposed regulations giving agencies discretionary authority to grant pay retention to certain employees moving to positions under pay systems other than the General Schedule or the

Federal Wage System. This new flexibility would allow agencies to prevent eligible employees from suffering a reduction in pay that would otherwise result from a management action.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/25/00	65 FR 33785
Final Action	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AI88**4118. • REPAYMENT OF STUDENT LOANS**

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 151 in Part II of this issue of the Federal Register.

RIN: 3206-AJ12**4119. VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE REPAYMENT WAIVERS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** PL 103-226**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 550**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Public Law 103-226 authorizes OPM to waive repayment of a voluntary separation incentive payment under certain circumstances if a former employee, who accepted the incentive payment, is reemployed by an executive agency of the United States within five years of separation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	11/09/94	59 FR 55807
Final Action	06/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AG20**4120. FIREFIGHTER PAY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5545b**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 410; 5 CFR 550; 5 CFR 551; 5 CFR 591; 5 CFR 630; 5 CFR 870**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Regulations to change the method of computing pay for Federal firefighters.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	11/23/98	63 FR 64589
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	01/22/99	
Final Action	11/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AI50**4121. • PRETAX ALLOTMENTS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5527**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 550, subpart C**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing interim regulations to enable employees to pay Federal Employees' Health Benefits (FEHB) premiums through an allotment from the employee's pay to the employing agency. Use of this allotment mechanism allows FEHB premiums to be paid with pre-tax dollars, as provided under section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code. These allotment regulations are connected to

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a separate interim rule amending the FEHB regulations to establish the premium conversion program effective October 2000.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/10/00	65 FR 44643
Interim Final Rule Effective	09/18/00	
Final Action	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AJ16

4122. REPEAL OF DUAL COMPENSATION REDUCTION FOR MILITARY RETIREES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8344; 5 USC 8468

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 553

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is publishing final regulations to implement the repeal of reduction in military retired or retainer pay required of some military retirees in civilian positions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AI92

4123. • COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCES (NONFOREIGN AREAS); GUAM AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5941

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 591

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is publishing regulations to increase the cost-of-living allowance (COLA) rate paid to certain Federal employees in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). The regulations increase the Guam/CNMI Local Retail COLA rate from 22.5 percent to 25 percent. The increase is a result of living-cost surveys conducted in October and November 1998 using current methodologies for calculating COLA rates.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/17/00	65 FR 44101
Final Action	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4124. • COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCES (NONFOREIGN AREAS); INTERIM COLA RATE INCREASES PURSUANT TO SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5941

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 591

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: As a result of the court-approved settlement of Carballo, et al. v. United States, No. 1997-0027 (D.V.I.), the Office of Personnel Management will publish regulations to increase on an interim basis the cost-of-living

allowance (COLA) rate paid to certain Federal employees in Hawaii County, HI; Kauai County, HI; Maui County, HI; Puerto Rico; and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The increase will be effective the day of the first pay period beginning on or after October 1, 2000.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/03/00	65 FR 58901
Interim Final Rule Effective	10/01/00	
Final Action	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

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4125. • COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCES (NONFOREIGN AREAS); REVISED COLA REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5941

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 591

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: As a result of a court-approved settlement of Carballo, et al. v. United States, No. 1997-0027 (D.V.I.), the Office of Personnel Management will publish revised regulations, pursuant to the terms of the settlement, to implement the changes in the methodology used to compute nonforeign area cost-of-living allowances.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/00/00	
Final Action	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4126. RETIREMENT COVERAGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FINANCIAL CONTROL BOARD EMPLOYEES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 104-8

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 842

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations implement the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995. They establish standards by which some former Federal employees may carry civil service retirement coverage to employment with the District of Columbia Financial Control Board.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	11/15/96	61 FR 58457
Final Action	04/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4127. RETIREMENT; COVERAGE- NONAPPROPRIATED FUND INSTRUMENTALITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 837; 5 CFR 841; 5 CFR 842; 5 CFR 843; 5 CFR 844; 5 CFR 847

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, August 9, 1996.

Abstract: These regulations implement the provisions of Public Law 104-106, which allows certain employees, who have been employed by non-appropriated fund instrumentalities under the jurisdiction of the armed forces, to obtain retirement credit under limited circumstances.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/09/96	61 FR 41714
Final Action	05/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4128. COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347(a); 5 USC 8361(g); PL 105-33, sec 11202(f), 11232(e), 11246(b)

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 837; 5 CFR 842; 5 CFR 846; 5 CFR 870; 5 CFR 890

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations implement provisions of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, which requires that nonjudicial employees of the District of Columbia Courts, and under certain conditions, the District of Columbia Corrections Trustee and the District of Columbia Pretrial Services, Parole, Adult Probation and Offender Supervision Trustee and their respective employees be considered Federal employees for purposes of Federal retirement, health, and life insurance coverage.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/30/97	62 FR 50995

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/01/97	
Comment Period		
End		
Final Action	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4129. RETIREMENT, HEALTH, AND LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA UNDER THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS AND JUSTICE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 1998

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 105-274

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 837; 5 CFR 842; 5 CFR 846; 5 CFR 870; 5 CFR 890

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These interim regulations implement the District of Columbia Courts and Justice Technical Corrections Act of 1998. The effect of these regulations is to extend Federal retirement, health insurance, and life insurance coverage to employees of the Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia under section 7 of the Act, and to exclude certain former employees of the District of Columbia, who are hired by the Department of Justice or by the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, from Federal retirement coverage if they elect, under section 3 of the Act, to continue their coverage under a retirement system for employees of the District of Columbia.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	03/31/99	64 FR 15286
Interim Final Rule	06/29/99	64 FR 15286
Comment Period		
End		
Final Action	01/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

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Government Levels Affected: None

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4130. RETIREMENT; LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347; 5 USC
8461

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831, subpart I; 5
CFR 842, subpart H

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These interim regulations will amend the CSRS Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter regulations and the FERS Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter, and Air Traffic Controller regulations governing agency and OPM law enforcement officer and firefighter retirement coverage and service credit determinations. These interim regulations will clarify that the authority of an agency head to deny law enforcement officer and firefighter retirement coverage may be delegated to any level within the agency.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/00/00	
Final Action	12/00/00	

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4131. RETIREMENT; STATE INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING INSTRUMENTALITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8345; 5 USC
8347; 5 USC 8461; 5 USC 8469

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831, subpart S;
5 CFR 841, subpart J

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations modify existing regulations to reflect changes designed to expand and streamline the process of withholding State income tax from CSRS and FERS annuities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/23/99	64 FR 33429
Final Action	11/00/00	

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Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4132. RETIREMENT; FERS BASIC ANNUITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8461

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 842, subparts B
to G

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These final regulations will amend FERS Basic Annuity regulations governing Eligibility (subpart B), Credit for Service (subpart C), Computations (subpart F), and Alternative Forms of Annuity (subpart G). These regulations have been published at various times in interim final form, and have been affected by statutory changes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/16/87	52 FR 2061
Interim Final Rule	01/16/87	52 FR 2067
Interim Final Rule	02/11/87	52 FR 4473
Interim Final Rule	02/11/87	52 FR 4479
Interim Final Rule	05/14/87	52 FR 18193
Interim Final Rule	04/08/88	53 FR 11635
Interim Final Rule	02/09/90	55 FR 4598
Final Rule	12/27/90	55 FR 53136
Interim Final Rule	02/19/91	56 FR 6549
Final Action	10/00/00	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
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4133. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM: LIFE INSURANCE IMPROVEMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 105-311

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 870

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations implement Public Law 105-311, which makes numerous changes to the FEGLI Program, including covering foster children under Option C, increasing the amount of Option C coverage available, allowing for the election of unreduced Options B and C at retirement, allowing for direct payment of premiums when pay is insufficient for premium withholdings, and providing for a demonstration project for the portability of Option B.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/28/99	64 FR 72459
Final Action	12/00/00	

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Required:** No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4134. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM: PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR PERIODS OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY OR INSUFFICIENT PAY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations that establish a requirement that Federal agencies counsel employees entering nonpay

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status, or whose pay is insufficient to cover their FEHB premium payments, of the options of continuing or terminating their FEHB coverage, and if continuing, of paying premiums directly on a current basis or incurring a debt to be withheld from future salary. These regulations are intended to ensure employees are fully aware of these alternatives.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/22/96	61 FR 37807
Interim Final Rule	12/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4135. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM: EFFECTIVE DATES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed regulation would adopt January 1 as the effective date for all open season new enrollment in the Federal Employees' Health Benefits Program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/31/98	63 FR 46180
NPRM Comment Period End	09/30/98	63 FR 46180
Final Action	10/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4136. • IMPLEMENTATION OF PREMIUM CONVERSION FOR EXECUTIVE BRANCH FEDERAL EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATING IN THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS (FEHB) PROGRAM

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 152 in Part II of this issue of the Federal Register.

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4137. MERIT PROMOTION AND INTERNAL PLACEMENT

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 316; 5 CFR 335

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In an effort to streamline selection procedures and provide agencies with greater flexibility, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is proposing to revise the regulations covering merit promotion and internal placement. These regulations will provide a framework within which agencies may develop merit-based programs for internal selections.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4138. REEMPLOYMENT PRIORITY LIST

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 1315; 5 USC 8151

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 330, subpart B

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is proposing regulations covering the operation and administration of the Reemployment Priority List (RPL). The RPL provides competitive service employees, separated by reduction in force, with the first opportunity for reemployment in their former agency over candidates who do not work for the agency. The RPL also provides the same priority to former employees who were separated or downgraded because of a compensable injury or disability and have fully recovered more than one year after compensation began. These

proposed regulations would update RPL procedures in order to assist agencies in providing displaced employees with maximum reemployment opportunities.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4139. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REFORM INITIATIVES

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

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Legal Authority: 5 USC 43; 5 USC 45**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 430; 5 CFR 451**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** Regulatory changes to comply with a legislative initiative focused on aligning employee performance with organizational goals and maintaining individual accountability.**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Barbara Colchao, Workforce Compensation and Performance Service, Office of Personnel Management, Office of Performance Compensation and Systems Design, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415
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Email: bwcolcha@opm.gov**RIN:** 3206-AF57**4140. SUITABILITY****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 7301; EO 10577; EO 11222**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 731**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** With the abolishment in December 1993 of the Federal Personnel Manual (FPM), certain policies and procedures enunciated in the FPM must be considered for publication in another format. Since these policies and procedures are important to continued program operations, they will be incorporated in the Code of Federal Regulations. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has determined that these regulations are significant and require OMB review prior to publication. However, we foresee no significant issues arising from implementation of these changes.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/23/91	56 FR 18650

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/16/94	59 FR 47527
NPRM	01/05/96	61 FR 394
NPRM	01/28/99	64 FR 4336
Next Action Undetermined		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Richard A. Ferris, Associate Director, Investigations Service, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415-4000
Phone: 202 606-1042**RIN:** 3206-AC19**4141. PERSONNEL SECURITY AND RELATED PROGRAMS****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 7312; 50 USC 403; EO 10450; EO 10577**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 732**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** With the abolishment in December 1993 of the Federal Personnel Manual (FPM), certain policies and procedures enunciated in the FPM must be considered for publication in another format. Since all of these policies and procedures are important to continued program operations, they will be incorporated in the Code of Federal Regulations. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has determined that these regulations are significant and require OMB review prior to publication. However, we see no significant issues arising from implementation of these changes.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/23/91	56 FR 18650
Interim Final Rule	09/16/94	59 FR 47527
Interim Final Rule	10/17/94	
Effective Date		
Next Action Undetermined		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Richard A. Ferris, Associate Director, Investigations Service, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415-4000
Phone: 202 606-1042**RIN:** 3206-AC21**4142. INVESTIGATIONS****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** PL 93-579; 5 USC 552a**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 736**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** With the abolishment in December 1993 of the Federal Personnel Manual (FPM), certain policies and procedures enunciated in the FPM must be considered for publication in another format. Since all of these policies and procedures are important to continued program operations, they will be incorporated in the Code of Federal Regulations. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has determined that these regulations are significant and require OMB review prior to publication. However, we foresee no significant issues arising from implementation of these changes.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/23/91	56 FR 18650
Begin Review	10/01/93	
Interim Final Rule	09/16/94	59 FR 47527
Next Action Undetermined		

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4143. ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMS UNDER THE FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 177**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/20/00	65 FR 44945
Final Action Effective	08/21/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Gloria Clark

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RIN: 3206-AI70**4144. • PROCEDURES FOR SETTLING CLAIMS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3702**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 178**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) published a final rule to amend its regulation at 5 CFR 178. The amendment reflects the recent transfer within OPM of the authority to settle claims filed under part 178 by advising individuals where they now may file such claims.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/03/00	65 FR 40967
Final Action Effective	07/03/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AJ13**4145. APPOINTMENTS OF PERSONS WITH PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 213; 5 CFR 315**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/07/00	65 FR 41867
Final Action Effective	08/07/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Christina Vay

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RIN: 3206-AI94**4146. EMPLOYMENT IN THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 317**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/25/00	65 FR 33738
Final Action Effective	06/26/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Marcia K. Staten

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RIN: 3206-AI58**4147. JOB LISTINGS; FULL CONSIDERATION OF DISPLACED DEFENSE EMPLOYEES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 330; 5 CFR 335**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/19/00	65 FR 20893
Final Action Effective	05/19/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Jacqueline Yeatman

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RIN: 3206-AF36**4148. CAREER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE FOR SURPLUS AND DISPLACED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 330**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/04/00	65 FR 47829
Final Action Effective	09/05/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Jacqueline Yeatman

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RIN: 3206-AI39**4149. INTERAGENCY CAREER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE FOR DISPLACED PANAMA CANAL ZONE EMPLOYEES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 330**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/29/00	65 FR 52293
Final Action Effective	09/08/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Thomas A. Glennon

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RIN: 3206-AI56**4150. POSITIONS RESTRICTED TO PREFERENCE ELIGIBLES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 330, subpart D**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/30/00	65 FR 52641
Final Action Effective	09/29/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Thomas A. Glennon

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RIN: 3206-AI69**4151. REDUCTION IN FORCE NOTICES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 351

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Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/03/00	65 FR 25623
Final Action Effective	06/02/00	

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Reason	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/21/00	65 FR 38442
Final Action	10/13/00	65 FR 60837
Final Action Effective	11/13/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Anne Kirby
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Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/05/00	65 FR 17755
Final Action Effective	05/05/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Chenty I. Carpenter
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Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/05/00	65 FR 26120
Final Action Effective	06/05/00	

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Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/15/00	65 FR 30831
Final Action Effective	05/15/00	

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Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/15/00	65 FR 26119
Final Action Effective	06/05/00	

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Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/15/00	65 FR 30831
Final Action Effective	05/15/00	

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Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/11/00	65 FR 42597
Final Action Effective	07/11/00	

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Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/11/00	65 FR 42597
Final Action Effective	07/11/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**4160. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS;
CHANGE IN THE SURVEY CYCLE FOR
THE ORLEANS, LOUISIANA (LA),
NONAPPROPRIATED FUND WAGE
AREA**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	04/24/00	
Final Action	07/13/00	65 FR 43215
Final Action Effective	08/14/00	

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**4161. PAY ADMINISTRATION; BACK
PAY, HOLIDAYS AND PHYSICIANS'
COMPARABILITY ALLOWANCE**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 550; 5 CFR 595;
5 CFR 610

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/07/00	65 FR 48135
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**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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**4162. PAYMENT DURING
EVACUATION**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 550

Completed:

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Final Action	07/07/00	65 FR 41868
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Government Levels Affected: None

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**4163. PAY ADMINISTRATION;
AVAILABILITY PAY FOR CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATORS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 550

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/11/00	65 FR 42597
Final Action Effective	07/11/00	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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**4164. COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCES
IN NONFOREIGN AREAS: SURVEY
RESULTS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 591

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/17/00	65 FR 44101
Final Action Effective	08/16/00	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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**4165. ABSENCE AND LEAVE: SICK
LEAVE**

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 630

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/13/00	65 FR 37234
Final Action Effective	06/20/00	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4166. FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 630, subpart L

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/08/00	65 FR 26483
Final Action Effective	06/07/00	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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**4167. RETIREMENT; NUCLEAR
MATERIALS COURIERS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 841;
5 CFR 842

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/29/00	65 FR 52295
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**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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**4168. RETIREMENT; ELIMINATION OF
THE HEARING REQUIREMENT
DURING ENFORCEMENT OF
STATUTORY BAR TO ANNUITY
AFTER CONVICTION OF CERTAIN
OFFENSES**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831, subpart K

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Patrick Jennings

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RIN: 3206-AH76**4169. FEHB AND DOD
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 890**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/02/00	65 FR 35259
Final Action Effective	07/03/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Mike Kazynski

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RIN: 3206-AJ03**4170. IMPLEMENTATION OF PREMIUM
CONVERSION FOR EXECUTIVE
BRANCH AGENCY FEDERAL
EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATING IN THE
FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH
BENEFITS PROGRAM (FEHB)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 890**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Laurie Bodenheimer

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RIN: 3206-AJ09**4171. FEHB PROGRAM OPM AND
DOD FEHB PROGRAM
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 48 CFR 1600**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/08/00	65 FR 36382
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